(From the Office of the House Majority Leader)

UPDATED SCHEDULE OF HOUSE HEARINGS ON BORDER SECURITY REFORM

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In the coming months, a number of congressional committees will hold a series of hearings on border security and some of the troubling issues raised by the Democrat Reid-Kennedy immigration reform bill. These hearings are a necessary tool that will strengthen House Republicans' ability to craft strong border security legislation. Republicans want to send President Bush a strong bill that secures our borders and puts a premium on strict enforcement of our immigration laws.

UPCOMING HEARINGS

House International Relations Committee

Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation

July 5 & 7, 2006 – "Border Vulnerabilities and International Terrorism, Parts I & II" - Field Hearings in San Diego, CA and Laredo, TX. These two hearings will examine the susceptibility of the southern border to terrorist entry, and other border vulnerabilities. For example, what is the likelihood of terrorists crossing the southern border? How secure are the borders against smuggling of radiological and other dangerous materials? How would House and Senate immigration bills help or hinder securing the border from terrorist threats? Do provisions in the Reid-Kennedy bill, including the provision that prohibiting state and local law enforcement from apprehending and detaining illegal aliens who commit civil offenses, undermine our border and national security in a post-9/11 world?

House Committee on Education & the Workforce

Mid-July and August – Hearings will be held examining views on English as the official language; a provision in the Senate Democrat immigration bill to allow states to give in-state tuition to illegal immigrants without

providing the same benefit for all U.S. citizens; the impact of current and potential changes to immigration laws on employers; the enforcement of current immigration laws and their impact on the workforce. (release)

Already this month the <u>House Administration Committee</u> held a hearing on "Non-Citizen Voting and ID Requirements in U.S. Elections." And the <u>Border Security and Claims Subcommittee</u> of the House Judiciary Committee held a hearing entitled, "Is the Labor Department Doing Enough to Protect U.S. Workers?"

Last week, House Republicans announced a set of <u>five principles</u> to be reflected in immigration reform legislation. House Republicans are working to complete work on a responsible bill, and our goal is to send a bill to President Bush that reflects these principles.

PREVIOUS ENTRIES:

- Reid-Kennedy Bill Hamstrings Local Law Enforcement (6/27/06)
- Boehner on MSNBC's 'Hardball': "We Want A Bill, There's No Ifs, Ands, Or Buts About It." (6/22/06)
- GOP Leaders Announce "Statement of Principles" On Border Security,
 Opposition to Troubling Reid-Kennedy Proposals (6/22/06)

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